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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU DELEGATION TO COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED
MEETING

1. GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR TO US AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN, GIL V.V. FERNANDES, INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE DEPARTING NEW YORK 4 AUGUST TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF GUINEA-BISSAU DELEGATION TO NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS IN COLOMBO. FERNANDES HAS NOT YET DECIDED IF HE WILL VISIT BISSAU ON ROUTE COLOMBO. HE SAID COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VICTOR SAUDE MARIA WOULD ATTEND FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING (AUGUST 11-14) AND HEAD OF STATE LUIS DE ALMEIDA CABRAL, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, WILL ATTEND THE SUMMIT (AUGUST 16-19).

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2. DESK OFFICER MCGUIRE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS US POSITIONS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO ISSUES, SAYING THAT WE CONSIDER PUERTO RICO A DOMESTIC MATTER WHICH SHOULD NOT BE A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. ON KOREA MCGUIRE REITERATED POINTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY IN HIS JULY 22 SEATTLE SPEECH AND STRESSED OUR CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES MOST IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED TO DISCUSS WAYS OF REDUCING TENSIONS IN KOREA.

3. AMBASSADOR FERNANDES SAID HE WELL AWARE OF US POSITIONS ON KOREA, PUERTO RICO, AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ADDED HE WOULD QUOTE SEE WHAT I CAN DO UNQUOTE AT COLOMBO. FERNANDES, 39, ATTENDED COLLEGES IN THE US FROM 1961 TO 1968 AND HOLDS A BA FROM U. NEW HAMPSHIRE AND AN MA FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. HE HAS SERVED AS GUINEA-BISSAU'S PERMREP TO THE UN AND AMBASSADOR TO THE US SINCE MID-1975. HE IS OUTGOING, INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. FERNANDES SHOULD PROVE TO BE THE BEST CONTACT AMONG THE DELEGATION.

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